

ELECTION ISSUE

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BRINGING IT HOME ...

If you're not happy with how our city is run, now's your chance to fire some of those responsible. After all, you hired them -- didn't you? Unless you voted against an incumbent you dislike, you gave your tacit approval to that official.

Many of us DO give tacit approval, letting others make the decisions. I checked the last election (Nov. '74) returns in about 10 precincts scattered randomly around Bernal Heights, and here's what I found.

There was a difference between the precincts north of Cortland Avenue (20th district) and those south of Cortland (23rd district). An average of 56% of registered voters actually voted north of Cortland; south of that dividing line it was 63.9%. The city-wide average for that election was about 62%. Generally, it's partly true that registered voters on Bernal Heights don't go to the polls as much as people elsewhere in the city.

PERSONAL EDITORIAL....This is your ultimate hire/fire power over City government. If enough of us vote, City Hall can't afford to ignore us, even when we speak softly. Check all the literature, then vote your mind.

FOOTNOTE on how I got the figures. Went to the Registrar of Voters Office in City Hall (thank you for your help in a busy time, Mr. Maguire). Chose about 10 precincts (some were combined with others, so it's actually a few more) and looked up three figures for each. (A) Number of registered voters. (B) Number of votes cast for governor. There was no simple vote total, and I guessed more people would vote for governor than any other single item. (C) Number of votes cast for Proposition A, the first City proposition on the ballot. In every case, fewer voted on Prop. A than for governor, and fewer still voted on Prop. J, the open space initiative, which may have some direct benefit to Bernal Heights. The percentages cited are the votes for governor compared to the number of registered voters. The city-wide figure is from the Nov. 7, '74 Chronicle.

UPDATING...The precincts I checked were last year's--they have all been changed this year in line with the redistricting that puts all of Bernal Heights in one district at last. We are now all in the 16th Assembly District, the gerrymandered dividing line at Cortland being gone. THIS IS ANOTHER REASON TO GET OUT AND VOTE. I copied the new precinct map and left it at the library.

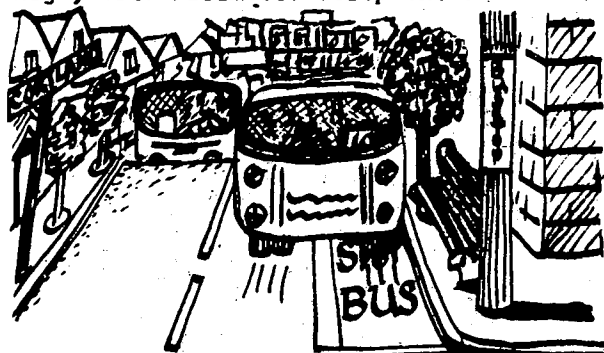
Mimi Mueller

Meandering on Cortland

Walked down Cortland the other day and found out lots of interesting things. I met Eric Nylander, a city engineer who has an office on Cortland until our new sewer is laid and the street is paved. I asked him how the city knows the sewers needed replacing. You'll never guess the answer. They put T.V. cameras through the sewers which show up the cracks and weak places.

Then I stopped in to have an ice cream cone at Hav-A-Lik and saw by their bulletin board that "Art" will teach us how to play the harmonica at the Bernal Playground, corner of Anderson and Cortland. He'll teach us "how to blow and bend notes on the harp, basic patterns for blues, rock and other music and explain guitar-harmonica relationships". If Art isn't there, ask Percy for more information.

The next stop was our library. Gazooks. Their bulletin board is interesting. You can take FREE mini courses in Transcendental Meditation, You and a Career in Radio Broadcasting, or Natural Foods for Economy and Nutrition. Where? Galileo Community College is offering the courses at Marina Jr. High, 3500 Fillmore. Telephone 922-6620.



Being tired, I sat down on our new bench for bus-waiting. Thank you, City; although I heard each such bench cost \$500. Sometimes I wonder at the process of us giving our money to someone which starts a circuit which is supposed to come back to us. An old-timey idea might be for us to keep the money in our community and for community people to do the planning and work.

On this same line, I noticed piles of garbage at the street corners every day for a week. The street sweeper is putting it in a pile, but what happens next?

And so goes Cortland. If you see interesting things in the neighborhood, know interesting people or know of fun, inexpensive places to go, would you like to share your information? Write it up and send it in.

Pat Helton
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WE ARE PROUD!

Inside you will find the ideas of six mayoral candidates on neighborhood problems written especially for Bernal Heights; also resumes of three D.A. candidates and a run-down on some propositions. We feel the attention paid to our neighborhood is a mark of respect and we thank the candidates and wish them luck in whatever capacity they serve the city.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS UNITED'S CORNER

The Bernal Heights Tutorial Program is getting off to a good start. The morning class is being taught by Audrey O'Gilvie from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. There are still openings for 3 and 4 year old children.

The afternoon class is growing every day and being taught by two parents, Leona Mendez and Deborah Baglio. They are doing a great job and all the kids love the program.

There is a great need for educational supplies and toys. The community is welcome to stop in and see your temporary multi-service center. The funds run out January 31, 1976 and we may need your help to keep this important neighborhood service. Or call 282-5839.

Audrey O'Gilvie
Director

COMMUNITY CENTER

People in Bernal Heights have long wanted a community center to house such programs as cooperative day care, drug counseling, recreation for youth, and programs for children with disabilities. Enough Community Development money is going to be available to build one or two centers per year. In a preliminary study, sponsored by the City Planning Department, weighing services available in an area against social needs, Bernal Heights ranked highest of the sixteen neighborhoods studied. 150 people met with Dean Macris, the head of the City Planning Department, to express community support for a multi service center in Bernal Heights. At this time Mr. Macris indicated that the study was not complete and made no commitments to the people at the meeting. Therefore there is more work that we will have to do to get our community center. For further information, call C.O.M.O.---648-5605.

TENANTS TOGETHER

The Bernal Dwelling Tenants Association has been in existence since September 1974. Prior to that time we have had various tenant groups claiming to represent the tenant but in reality set up and controlled by the SF Housing Authority.

We have since then set up a leadership of four officers, titles being unimportant since we all have equal say and rotate the chairmanship of all our meetings and must approve by a majority all letters and decisions to be made. We must all be invited to any and all meetings, otherwise none of us will attend except in cases where we agree otherwise. All outgoing letters must be signed by our secretary and approved by the other officers.

We have also elected two senior citizen representatives and two youth representatives to better serve our constituency.

Bernal Dwelling is bounded by Army, Folsom, 26th Street, and Harrison. We are commonly referred to as a public housing project and all the tenants here are low income. We have felt we are entitled to safe, decent and habitable housing as provided in the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution.

We have been setting up a number of meetings with Housing Authority staff to familiarize ourselves with their various responsibilities and develop a line of communication and make them aware of conditions here.

We have surveyed many of the apartment units individually and are documenting everything that we do in addition to dealing with individuals' problems as they are brought to our attention.

Thus far we have made every effort to involve as many tenants as possible so that they realize and understand that they are very important in the makeup of our Tenant Association. The problems here don't all belong to the Housing Authority. We have a responsibility ourselves which we are increasingly becoming educated about and learning to accept. We know we must put aside petty differences in order to achieve our goals. Unless we stay together and fight together we can never win.

At present we can say we have made progress and you can now begin to see the results shaping up. In weeks and months to come we can hope that these atrocious conditions we have been forced to live with are dissolved. We can then look back at the efforts expended here so that future tenants won't have to contend with the conditions we face ourselves.

We take this opportunity to ask all our neighbors near and far for their help. We can't do it alone. Anyone interested in learning more about us please contact Joseph Topacio, Secretary, at 648-1583.

Joseph Topacio

RAP LOW INTEREST HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS²

R.A.P. is the Rehabilitation Assistance Program, which will provide a low interest (5½%) loan to homeowners. The most that one can borrow under this program is \$17,500 or less. In hardship cases, up to \$3,500 can be borrowed with no interest charged. If you qualify, you can refinance your mortgage at 5½%. R.A.P. will pay for neighborhood improvements such as: repair of sidewalks, paving of streets, planting of trees, etc. This program is compulsory for the designated area; within 5 years 95% of all houses in the R.A.P. area will meet the minimum standards set by the San Francisco Housing Code. Some of the people in the Bernal Heights east of Wool and Andover St. are asking that the R.A.P. program be implemented in their areas. Dean Macris has tentatively set a predesignation hearing for Wednesday November 12 in order to determine which area the people want the R.A.P. program. For further information, call C.O.M.O. 648-5605.

Hilltop Clean-Up

Hilltop clean-ups will continue to take place on the third Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. Bags may be obtained near the gate in the west quarry, and should be returned to the same location for disposal.

We would like to see more of our Bernal Heights neighbors participating.

We love our small remaining piece of coastal grassland, and we try to protect it as much as possible from the ravages of over-population. We need places preserved for interacting with the earth and its other creatures.

Both Eddie Arbutman and Doug Barnett have been active participants in the nearly two years of hill clean-ups. This expression of our appreciation is long overdue. We are fortunate to have such responsible, hard-working nice people as neighbors!

Barbara and Roland Pitschel

Neighborhood Beautification

Ten proposals by Bernal Heights residents were made October 9 to the Planning Commission in response to the City's Bi-Centennial Program. Community Development Program Funds total \$188,000 and 14 areas of the city submitted requests. The Planning Department after reviewing the proposals submitted them to the Mayor and his staff for final selection. Starting next month the money will be dispersed to the neighborhoods whose proposals were chosen. It is indeed a fine sign that ten proposals were submitted from Bernal Heights residents and that there is an ever growing awareness that improvements are needed. Let's hope we win!

Jane Wrench

Block Clubs Score a Victory

People who live around the Bocana-Cortland and Appleton Mission intersections have been concerned about the traffic hazard which exists there. For months they have been trying to get a light there. After negotiating with Mr. Marconi, head traffic engineer, at his home in Twin Peaks, it was agreed both of these intersections would have red flashing lights which would be activated by pedestrians in November or December. In addition to this the UPPER ELLSWORTH to WOOL BLOCK CLUB received commitments that speed bumps will be installed on Bernal Heights Blvd. and stop signs at some of the intersections.

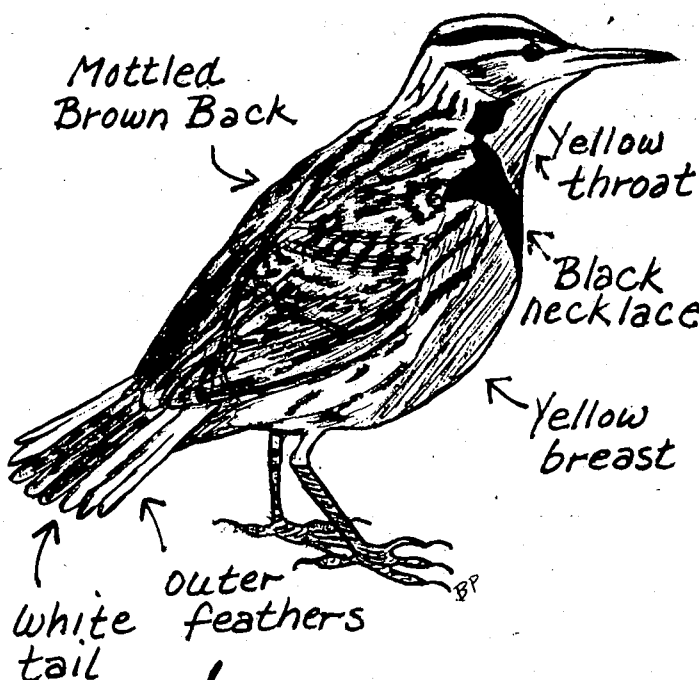
Bernal Heights Natural History

As I sit writing this, the first rainstorm of the season is in progress. As most of us know, in this area the first autumn rain is simultaneously the first sign of spring. Soon green shoots will be emerging from the newly dampened earth, but this month I shall leave the plants to write about a seasonal animal inhabitant.

Shortly after the hilltop soil is moistened by the first rains, a flock of Western Meadowlarks (*Sturnella neglecta*) arrives. These birds aren't very noticeable at first, as the mottled brown of their backs is well camouflaged by the earth. But, when too closely approached, one after another is flushed. Having been disturbed, several rapid wingbeats and a short, low glide puts them again at a comfortable distance. They are easily identified during these periods of flight by their white outer tail feathers.

These members of the Icteridae, a family which also includes Blackbirds and Orioles, are omnivorous, eating insects as well as seeds and grains.

Meadowlarks are found everywhere in the United States, with the territory of the Eastern species (*Sturnella magna*) overlapping that of the Western.



Western Meadowlark
(*Sturnella neglecta*)

They are about the size of Robins, with longer, thinner bills and shorter tails. Their full beauty can more easily be observed in spring, when their behavior is more flamboyant. It is then that they sit jauntily atop branches and wires singing their famous flutelike song and displaying their bright yellow breasts and black "necklaces".

One day in late spring, suddenly they are gone. They do not appear to breed near our hill. Their nests, saucers in the grass, would probably be too vulnerable to dogs, cats and people.

I wonder where these Meadowlarks spend their summers. (Other comparable San Francisco terrain has summer-resident Meadowlarks. A bird book describes them as "partial migrants".) I wonder whether they go away to a safer breeding ground, or perhaps a softer feeding ground. Maybe our Meadowlarks are natives of a cold and snowy area, either northern or high montane, living out the winter on Bernal Hill.

I hope some year to be in the right place at the right time to watch them depart! I know it's not possible to follow birds, but I would feel privileged if I could even discern the direction in which they are headed.

Barbara M. Pitchel

THREE D.A. HOPEFULS

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CAROL RUTH SILVER

(Carol Silver is on leave from her position of legal counsel to Sheriff Richard Hongisto.)

My priorities are:

- * to prosecute first of all, violent crime (assaults, robberies, rapes) and last, or not at all, non-victim crime.

I will do this by setting up a screening process to rate each case as it comes in on the basis of well established policy factors, such as injury or lack of injury, and the possibility of preventing future crimes. Crimes with high ratings get more manpower and attention; crimes with low ratings get less.

- *to prosecute vigorously official corruption and conflicts of interest. No Sunol Golf Course scandal or police vandalism when I'm DA. Crimes of the rich and powerful can no more be tolerated than those of the most common crook.

- *greater responsiveness in the DA's office, so citizens seeking to file criminal complaints find a hearing, victims can find out the status of their complaints, and police officers get feedback.

- *new priorities for prevention of crime, not just the revolving door of prosecution: the solutions to our crime problem lie also in our schools, unemployment lines, ghettos and barrios.

- *being tough on vicious crime and being passionately concerned with civil liberties - two goals not mutually exclusive.

JOSEPH FREITAS, Jr.

(Joe Freitas is an attorney, a former West Coast Director of Common Cause, and a 1967 White House Fellow.)

The District Attorney should insist on some period of incarceration for all those convicted of crimes of violence. He should ensure prompt and vigorous prosecution of such crimes by personally trying important cases.

The DA should not prosecute victimless crimes when so many crimes of violence are not being prosecuted.

The DA should not condone eighteen police spending 30 days investigating a quiet bordello in a high violent crime neighborhood. At the same time he must fully support those police who make quality arrests and prevent violent crime.

The DA should not be invisible: he should institute regular meetings with the public to discuss their concerns on criminal law enforcement.

The DA should be as tough on white collar and consumer fraud crimes as he is on violent crimes. He has the power to initiate criminal or civil proceedings against the entire range of fraudulent and deceptive business practices.

It is common knowledge that the present DA's Consumer Fraud Division has one of the worst records in the state for comparable size counties.

The DA must provide leadership in cooperating with the courts, the police and related institutions to improve the criminal justice system in San Francisco.

WILLIAM J. MALLEN

(Mr. Mallen is executive director of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council.)

We live in a city where senior citizens quake with fear to go to the bank to cash Social Security checks, where parents are afraid to send their kids to school on buses, and where children are afraid of being attacked in school.

San Francisco needs a vigorous, visible and experienced DA to change this climate of fear.

I am the only candidate for DA with experience in prosecuting criminal cases - including the incumbent, who has never prosecuted a criminal case.

Career criminals must learn that there is NO DEAL and that prison has replaced the plea bargain. I would use the influence of the DA's office primarily in two ways:

- * prosecute career criminals rather than the sick and the poor;

- * make changes to attack the root causes of crime.

For example, over 50% of violent crime in San Francisco is committed by juveniles. I will work with community leaders in high crime areas on youth diversion projects.

I will use the influence of my office to reduce recidivism - the repetition of criminal activity by the same person.

This cycle must be broken, and can be through community correctional programs.

SOME PROPOSITIONS TO CONSIDER

Time to do some thinking about the propositions! As best I can, I am going to talk about six of them: 3 are about salary setting (B,P,S); 3 are about ways to deal with city strikes (N,O,R). All six grew out of strikes we've had in the city during the last two years--strikes that shut down sewage treatment, cut public hospital services and then a almost cut off police and fire services. How uneasy these times have made all of us - strikers too! But a lot of issues came out that need some thinking about.

B Remember during the strike police and firemen said: "we have hazardous jobs -- we should at least be making more than street-sweepers @ \$17,000/year!" Noone can blame them for feeling this way, but many of us asked how did the streetsweepers salary get so high?

Streetsweepers are part of the 3000 city employees (of the city's 23000) who are covered by the crafts pay section of the Charter: their wages are by law equal to comparable jobs in private industry, as defined in SF union contracts. This formula seems very fair, but in practice some odd results have happened--like \$17,000 streetsweepers, and \$22,000 to \$27,000 city plumbers and carpenters. Howcum?

There seem to be two reasons: one is the city has to use the salary shown in private contracts for a category of worker even if in the private sector no jobs in that cat-

egory are ever filled. The other reason is that the formula doesn't allow any adjustments for high hourly pay in private industry due to seasonal work. A city worker has guaranteed full time and the high hourly pay.

If B passes, the crafts pay section of the Charter will be struck. Pay for crafts workers will be established the same way pay for other city workers is. (In general pay is comparable to private industry jobs though city clerics tend to make more than counterparts, while professionals make less.) The problem opponents of B point out, is that the mechanism for working pay settlements out isn't spelled out in the proposition -- and the city will have to figure out a way to work with the 17 crafts unions involved.

P,S have to do with setting wages for the police and firefighters. What the Charter says now is that police and Firemen may be paid the highest wage earned by any of their Calif. counterparts. In practice, The Bd. of Supervisors has, until this year, given the highest raises they could under the law.

If you think, in principle, that our police and firefighters should be paid equal to the highest paid of their counterparts in large cities in Calif., then you should vote Yes on S. S is a policy statement.

If you would like to change the

Charter formula, P offers an alternative. It would make police/fire pay equal to the average of counterparts' pay in the five largest California cities. It also provides for an allowance above the average pay if it costs more to live in SF than the other cities.

N,O,R have to do with procedures for settling strikes.

N will limit the emergency power of the Mayor. If passed, s/he will have to get a majority of the Supervisors available to agree before s/he can declare an emergency. In short, in future, a Mayor couldn't bypass the Board to settle a strike.

O, if passed, would make dismissal the penalty for any police or firefighter who went on strike. No amnesty could be declared. It would

R says that the means of determining pay for police/firemen is compulsory arbitration (if passed.) Compulsory arbitration means that if there is an unresolved dispute about wages, an arbiter will be brought in to decide and both sides agree in advance they will abide by the decision. People in favor (Mayor, police and Fire Unions) say this is the only rational way to settle such a strike. Opponents say an arbiter would only look at the factors affecting the wages, and does not have to consider the City Budget or be responsible to the electorate.

Genette Sonnesyn

Since January I have been walking the neighborhoods, confronting the central issue of this election - the lack of trust in local government.

This November, San Franciscans can elect a Mayor who aggravates this disenchantment, or a Mayor who restores the people's trust in government.

When I am Mayor, the first thing I will do is demand the resignation of every member of every Board and Commission in this City. We need new blood, talented, dedicated people from the neighborhoods and communities making the crucial decisions to carry us into the 1980s.

GEORGE R. MOSCONE



I will appoint new members to the Boards and Commissions on the advice and input of San Francisco's neighborhoods. I will ask citizen groups for a list of names from which I will select the best qualified men and women to serve our City.

As Mayor I will take a strong interest in the rehabilitation of commercial areas like Cortland Ave. We can't afford to allow independent merchants to go out of business.

We can improve the business climate of Cortland Ave. by improving the police presence, ensuring quicker fire response, and provide cleaner and more reliable public transportation.

Similarly, people will be more inclined to shop there if we provide more benches, trees, and wider sidewalks.

Most importantly, the City can work with the merchants of Cortland Ave. to help them secure loans for the rehabilitation and upgrading of store facades. Cortland Ave. need not be a declining commercial area.

We're also going to redouble our efforts to see that more youths are employed in meaningful jobs. We will place as many young people in legitimate summer jobs as possible.

When I'm Mayor, we're going to put an end to the deplorable practice of paying wages, providing no work, and then tell-

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I want to work with Bernal Heights to improve this community and I want Bernal Heights to work with me to improve this city. The problems of Bernal Heights are the problems of San Francisco - Jobs, Crime, Neighborhood Services, Business Areas, Education, Housing, Human Rights and Senior Citizens.

CRIME

My first official act as Mayor will be to appoint a new Police Chief and a new Police Commission, ordered by me to do four things:

- * Redirect police efforts to the crimes that are ripping this city apart - muggings, robberies, rapes and homicides.

- * Institute a two-minute response time to all serious crimes.

- * Begin "team policing": one officer in a squad car; his/her partner walking a beat.

- * Return our police officers to living in our City by giving preference points on promotions for residency.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Under my administration, you will see a new Neighborhood Cabinet that will meet with me and department heads, in public, to evolve programs to increase the livability of neighborhoods and reverse the tide of families fleeing the city.

You will have a new Planning Commission, with majority representation for the neighbor-

DIANNE FEINSTEIN



hoods and a mandate to downzone residential areas of our city and preserve their human scale. The Board of Permit Appeals will be revamped to be an ombudsman instead of a protector of bureaucracies and special interests.

Neighborhood shopping districts are vital. For example, Cortland Avenue can and should be revitalized, with better police protection, improved street cleaning, tree planting, and improved neighborhood control over zoning and permits.

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WE ASKED THE CANDIDATES A SERIES OF QUESTIONS oriented to Bernal Heights: What role will neighborhood groups play in your administration if you are elected Mayor? Have you any suggestions for revitalizing Cortland Avenue as a shopping area? Any plans for unemployed youth? As you will see, some responded to the questions and some wander slightly afield. That's politics.

Only three of the four candidates for DA are here, because we were unable to reach incumbent John Ferdon. (His tape recorder never answered our calls so we gave up.) It is our feeling however that the office of District Attorney—the prosecutor for crimes committed in San Francisco—is the second most important elected office in our city. The DA has power to determine what crimes are prosecuted; this includes power to investigate consumer fraud, white collar crimes, and working with the police to enforce laws concerning violent crime. So, read what three non-incumbent candidates for DA have to say. (Material taken from their campaign literature.)

Neighborhood priorities have been overshadowed by high-rise commercial and tourist development, while simultaneously the need for ecological neighborhood employment programs has never been greater.

I hope to bring a very different agenda to City Hall.

Tax reform heads my list of priorities. I will act to remedy the appalling under-assessments applied to large business properties.

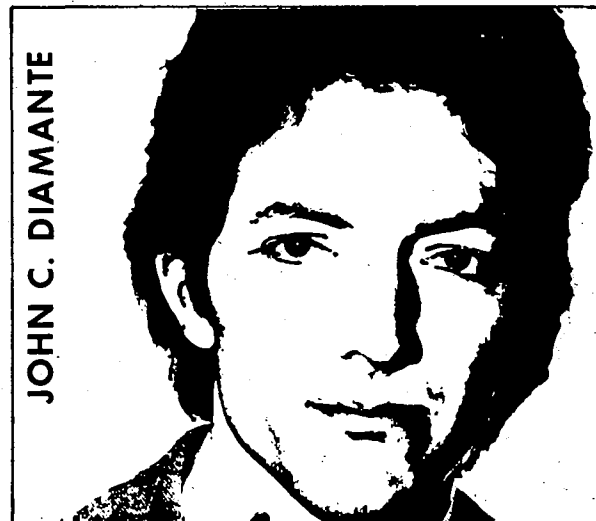
I will set up a Tax Reform Commission to report on intelligent long-term answers for reducing the abuses that small property owners and fixed-income home-owners have suffered at the hands of traditional politics and assessment systems.

I call for an elected planning commission, because I think we need direct representation from the neighborhoods.

I also believe some form of electing full-time supervisors from neighborhood districts is needed, to guarantee neighborhoods their voice in budget making and spending priorities.

Once we have restored to our local communities the political muscle for a promising partnership with business, labor and party interests,

JOHN C. DIAMANTE



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AK TO BERNAL HEIGHTS

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The reader is cautioned to remember that these statements are part of somebody's plan to get elected. It's easier to say things than it is to do them, even if they want to do them. And it is still easier to promise things in the expectation of never being required to deliver on them—which is one of the problems with elected government.

But what are you going to do? You have the chance to elect a Mayor only once in four years; the next Mayor may well be in for two terms, or eight years; the next DA could well be in for longer since there's no limit on terms for DA as there is for Mayor.

So in an effort to shed some little light for the people of Bernal Heights on at least these two city political races, the Bernal Journal presents nine candidates..... Jim Churchill and Jim Haas

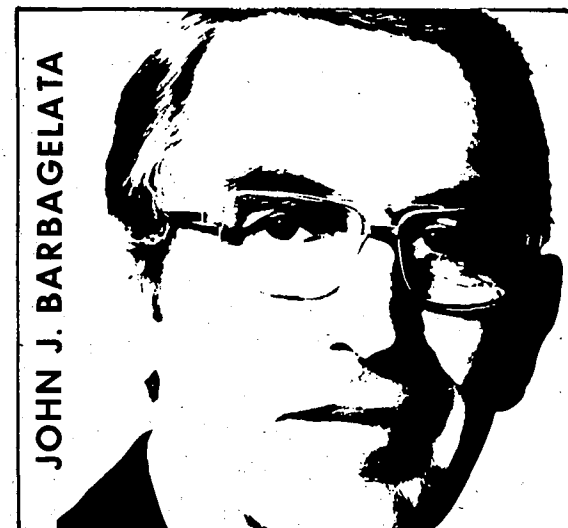
**Six candidates for mayor
and three for district attorney
answered our questions this way:**

Three attorneys and a Pacific Heights dilettante are hustling for your votes in the Mayor's race. As you read their slick campaign literature and hear their slogans on the radio and tv, ask yourselves: Aren't they - and the political machines backing them - part of the problem?

I decided to run for Mayor when it became clear that the four major candidates represented no new direction for San Francisco. I do not like the way the city is drifting.

Yerba Buena, the Performing Arts Center, our record City budget, all the phony new taxes (utilities, sewer, etc.), forced school busing, skyrocketing pension costs, the grossly inflated city payroll - I have led the fights against all of these. The others have been silent, or waffled, or been on the other side. All four are career politicians, afraid to offend the special interest groups behind these massive rip-offs. I'm just a guy who loves this city too much to stand back while these things happen.

I wrote the legislation limiting campaign spending and contributions. I wrote the



JOHN J. BARBAGELATA

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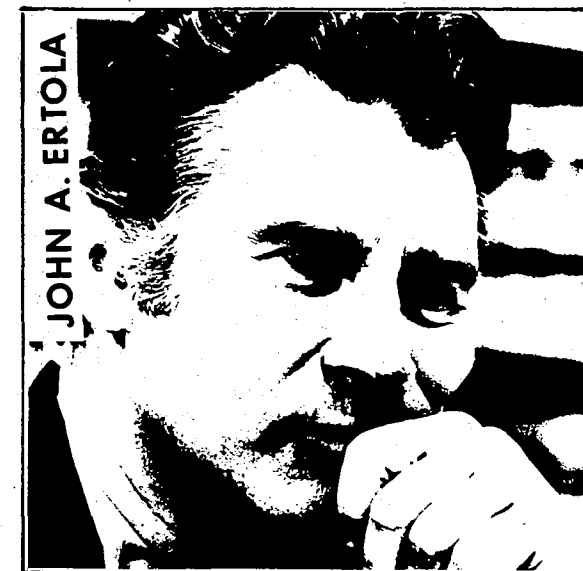
Some of you may remember that in 1966 the Redevelopment Agency saw the advent of BART on Mission Street as an opportunity to develop large-scale institutional business and industry along the Mission corridor.

I was on the Board of Supervisors at the time. I met with the business and community people in the Mission. Of course they were opposed to the plowing up of their homes and businesses. We worked together and beat the Redevelopment Agency at the Board of Supervisors by the disturbingly close vote of 6 to 5. This was the first time the agency lost such a battle.

To state it simply, I am for neighborhoods preserving themselves and organizing to get what they want from City Hall.

However, neighborhoods cannot thrive independent of everything else. Life in the neighborhoods depends on a positive commercial climate throughout San Francisco. The polarization generated by some between "neighborhood" and "downtown" is destructive to all of us. We need jobs for people, and that takes investment. As mayor, I will encourage investment, both in the neighborhoods and downtown, and discourage this polarization.

I have proposed a system of split assessments for property taxation in San Francisco, one rate for residential property, and another, higher rate for



JOHN A. ERTOLA

commercial property. A successful split-rate system, and therefore the kind of property tax relief we have all been seeking, will take thriving businesses, both downtown and in the neighborhoods.

For the immediate future? When I become Mayor, I will stop all work on Yerba Buena. Then I will talk with neighborhood groups about what we want down there: recreation areas, middle-income housing, small businesses. We'll put whatever plan we develop on the ballot for the approval of all the people of San Francisco.

I do not believe in the indiscriminate building of

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San Francisco is facing one of the most critical elections in our City's history. I am running for Mayor to offer San Franciscans a real alternative for the next four years.

My record is my resume and makes me totally qualified to be Mayor. A brief summary of my record:

- * I have never been beholden to any political machine or special interest group.

- * I have served San Francisco more than 16 years, in the Assembly, as a Municipal Judge, and in the State Senate.

- * I am a strong supporter of homeowner's property tax



MILTON MARKS

relief. This year I introduced one bill to revise assessment rates to 30% for commercial property and 20% for residential property; and another to put a tax-freeze on owner-occupied dwellings.

- * I am the author of legislation to provide flu shots for seniors for \$1; to preserve Social Security increases for elderly welfare recipients; and to provide tax relief for elderly renters and homeowners.

- * I have consistently supported equal rights for women, adequate child care, full educational opportunities for all, national health insurance and lifeline utility rates.

These are not vague promises of what I intend to do; this is a list of real accomplishments.

My first priority as Mayor will be to operate the Mayor's Office in a totally open and above board manner. I am proud to say I have made no campaign promises of jobs in City Hall - and I will make none.

The lack of adequate employment opportunities is one of our most critical problems. As Mayor I will work with business and labor to bring environmentally sound industries and businesses to San Francisco, with full citizen participation in community development planning.

As Mayor I will work for the prompt implementation of a program budget, as the first step toward complete budget reform.

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conflict-of-interest law, so that city officials would serve the public instead of serving themselves to public funds.

Certain union officials say I'm "anti-labor". The truth is, I have fought against the system where some workers get paid as much as 60% more than going rates, while a third of the work force is seriously underpaid. I put Prop. B on this November's ballot, to begin to correct these inequities.

I'm proud of this record, and I'm not going to "tidy it up" or disguise it with a lot of promises because this is election time.

The PR men behind the other candidates know that the issues uppermost in your minds are crime, taxes, jobs, and the responsiveness of City government. My campaign is run by political amateurs - friends of mine. But I don't need a pollster to tell me the issues.

Moscone, for instance, says he'll fire all commissioners. He doesn't tell you the Mayor does not have this power, and he certainly doesn't tell you how he'll accomodate all his big labor cronies when in office.

I tried to get on the ballot this year a measure to have the public nominate commissioners. I am the only Mayoral candidate committed to follow the principle of appointments from the public.

Feinstein talks about "two minute response" on crime. She doesn't say she voted against the 9-1-1 emergency telephone plan (which I authored) which would give 10-second response in any emergency.

Marks talks about improving neighborhoods. But I authored the RAP program which will bring millions of dollars in low-interest loans and public improvements to Bernal Heights, to revitalize the area without extra tax dollars and without massive evictions (RAP contains a rent-control provision.)

Ertola talks about jobs. But I'm the one who had take the heat and oppose the city's payroll tax, which has cost us thousands of jobs in labor-intensive, blue-collar industry.

My view on running the City: to give people their money's worth from City Hall. In a nutshell, that's my only campaign promise.

MOSCONE continued

ing young people to stay out of sight so no one perceives the scandalous disarray of city job programs.

If the people of Bernal Heights think we have better things to with \$260 million of their tax money than build a convention center downtown; if they think we should steer the Redevelopment Agency away from highrise projects downtown and into rehabilitation of low-cost neighborhood housing, I want to hear about it when I'm Mayor. →

MARKS continued

And I promise you there will be no dead weight in the Mayor's Office - my staff will either work for economy in government or they won't work for me.

Crime is a major problem. The time has come to get tough with criminals terrorizing our City's residents. Our police must be on the streets where they can effectively combat rape, robbery and other violent crimes. Unlike some public officials I will not talk about getting tough on crime and then vote to cut out police positions.

Support for the Muni is critical: in San Francisco, 35% of the residents (260,000 people) do not have access to a car. I will support Muni improvement efforts. Two matters which will get immediate attention are proper vehicle maintenance and reliable scheduling.

An issue of particular concern to Bernal Heights is the preservation of its business district on Cortland Ave. As Mayor, I will support full citizen participation in the planning and approval process for future development.

The time has come for San Francisco to have a Mayor totally dedicated to representing the people's interests in City Hall. Please join me to help create a better San Francisco.

ERTOLA continued

tall buildings in San Francisco, and do not favor the construction of large apartment complexes all over town. Neighborhoods have to be for families in small dwellings, too.

I am not for the district election of supervisors, or for breaking down government structure to institutionalize and bureaucratize neighborhoods. I will not establish a new neighborhood cabinet or "mini City Halls" as one of my opponents has suggested. But with a Mayor who has a feeling for the neighborhoods, San Francisco is small enough for well-organized neighborhoods to be heard at City Hall.

I will be a mayor who understands neighborhood problems and supports independent neighborhood organization as no other. When a neighborhood has a problem, I will be available.

Look outside your window right now. If you get a special feeling from where you live, I think I am your mayor. I get that feeling, too.

more **MOSCONE**

We're talking about pretty fundamental changes. Power-brokers downtown will fight them tooth and nail. But the next Mayor of San Francisco has got to learn to listen to the neighborhoods, not talk down to them.

The people of Bernal Heights have a choice on November 4. I think it will be very clear.

DIAMANTE continued

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what should neighborhoods invest in?

Decentralizing city services for which neighborhoods wish to take responsibility will lessen the frustrations we find in bureaucratic government.

But even more important is the need to face ecological realities in city life.

I want to see public transportation that makes it faster, safer, cheaper, and above all cleaner to go by Muni than by private auto.

I want to see citywide and neighborhood-adapted transit supplements. Why not a cable car line for Bernal Heights? Or something even easier for older people to use?

In the same way, I'm for jobs and programs that concentrate on rehabilitating our unique houses, rather than big residential projects.

I'm for preventive, decentralized health care which concentrates on keeping our environment healthy, instead of merely curing the ailments of city stress and pollution.

I call for a police commission to represent all this city's populations. I want the police closer to the street, walking the beat, living in the neighborhoods they wish to serve, learning to handle human problems with finesse instead of force and, by their presence in the community, reducing crime.

A vote for me is an independent vote. A vote to take advantage of the split-up Mayoral primary. A vote to put art, ecology, and working people's interests back in City Hall.

FEINSTEIN continued
EDUCATION

Our schools turn out functional illiterates after 12 years. This is a crime against the students, their parents, and the taxpayers who pay more per student than any other city in California.

Our schools must teach our students reading, writing and arithmetic. As Mayor I would provide strong advocacy to reverse the trend of education here.

We will attempt to return to neighborhood schools in integrated areas.

HOUSING

San Francisco desperately needs more and better family housing. I believe in a neighborhood's right to upgrade itself. I will work against insurance company and bank redlining.


I will work to get the City's rehabilitation assistance program (RAP) expanded to Bernal Heights.

The magic of San Francisco is its marvelous blend of peoples and cultures. All should be encouraged to live their lives with dignity. That is the objective to which I shall always be committed.

KATYA'S CUISINE

A good, easy-but-rather elegant accompaniment to my favorite pea soup in the April issue is stuffed mushrooms. When you are at the market, select four or five very large (if available-if not, proportionately more of whatever size you can find) mushrooms for each person you plan to serve. As early as the day before or as late as a half hour prior to the meal, wipe the mushrooms with a damp paper towel and twist of the stems. Reserve the stems in a small, deep bowl and arrange the mushroom caps upside down in an attractive baking dish. Chop the stems very fine and add to them the following ingredients FOR EACH FOUR SERVINGS YOU ARE MAKING:

- 1 large fresh egg
- 1/3 cup (about one slice) stale bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons dry red or white wine (red, preferably)
- 5 tablespoons parmesan cheese
- 1/4 lb. ground beef, the leaner the better (or, if you are not eating meat, 6 T hulled sunflower seeds)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (omit if you are using salted seeds)
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley

Combine all the above ingredients and use the mixture to fill the mushroom caps. Broil them in the broiler for a very few minutes, just until the filling is bubbly and the little extra bit of parmesan cheese you have sprinkled over the tops before broiling is melted. Serve at once, with Katya's Favorite Split Soup, fresh rye bread (recipe soon) and perhaps a simple fruit salad. 

Nanny Goat Hill Cooperative Gallery

The emphasis is on women in the current and upcoming exhibits to be shown at the Nanny Goat Hill Cooperative Gallery at Folsom and Precita. Margaret Haggerty's acrylics and drawing, currently on display (Oct. 17-Nov. 10) will be followed by a show of recent comic book art by women of the Wimmen's Comix Group. This show will include work by Trana, Shelby, Becky Wilson and others, and will be up from Nov. 14 (the opening) through Dec. 7.



At the Gallery next will be a group Christmas show that will include the work of Co-op members Ardo, Spitz, Colwell and Stascak as well as work by other guests. The numerous pieces in this show will be small, inexpensive and appropriate for Christmas gift selections.

John Stascak, an original member of the Nanny Goat Hill Co-op, will begin the new year with a show of conceptual pieces. This exhibit will be up from Jan. 2 through Jan. 20. Precita Center will have a show of Photography from Jan. 30 to Feb. 22. For further information call 824-2827, 285-7548, 584-1735.

Guy Colwell

Good Food, Volunteer Work!

Community Corners Grocery Store at 47 Powers is an anti-profit food store in Bernal Heights run by volunteer labor from the neighborhood. We have wholesome foods such as fresh produce, chicken, fish, milk products, spices and grains that are sold at wholesale cost plus a small mark up to pay expenses.

Come help us work together around a subject we are all directly concerned with--basically--the food we eat. We like to support small farmers, collective farms, the best foods we can get. We are also concerned about the politics of food production and distribution.

We meet every Monday evening at 7:30 at the store. Come be a part of a neighborhood project--and come reap the benefits by shopping with us. Monday through Saturday, 10-6.

Natalie Mattson

Young People's Fellowship

Yes, God really loves you. And the Agape Fellowship endeavors to demonstrate His unique love in a warm, Christian atmosphere. Here young people from twelve years to thirty meet regularly on Friday nights at 7 p.m. to sing, to pray, to minister one to another through the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a time for getting acquainted with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, through Bible study, the exploration of the Word of God, worship, and the supernatural gifts of the Spirit. "In His presence is fullness of joy, and at His right hand are pleasures forevermore." How true! We invite you to join us every Friday at 904 Cortland--free refreshments and warm-hearted friendship.

William Nelken

RANDY CARTER AND BILL CLARK are running for Supervisor....and they live in BERNAL HEIGHTS. Check it out.

LIBRARY NEWS


ADULTS...The movie series is moving right along. So far the "Phantom of the Opera" and the Self-Defense films have been the most popular flicks on Wednesday night.

At this point in scheduling, there will be two lecture programs coming up in the next two months. One is a part of the American Issues Forum Bi-Centennial Events. Lawyer Pam Ray of the People's Law School will moderate a panel discussion on "Equal Protection under the Law" with a present day perspective on the subject. Bring questions, gripes and aggravations to the discussion and ask away. This program will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., Wed. Nov. 12 at 500 Cortland.

In December, Occult Scientist and Philosopher from Noe Valley, Mort Tolson will bring his wisdom of Tarot cards to Bernal Branch. He and his wife have given some of the most popular programs at the Noe Valley Library. He will explain the ties that exist between Jungian psychology, esp, the symbology of the collective unconscious and tarot. Don't miss it! Dec. 10 7:30. Free.

On a more grave and unpleasant note, I am distressed to say that three of our heavily used reference books have been stolen. Two medical dictionaries and another popular absolute essential, Glenn's Foreign Car Repair Manual (\$17.50). In addition to these reference books, three fourths of a shelf of hard back science fiction books have been ripped off in a period of three weeks. Common folks, you're stealing from your brothers and sisters!!! Anne Milkie

Bernal Playground News

Girls Softball Team Intermediate 
13-15 years won their first game, beating Rossi P/G 26 to 11. They need one more victory to get into the playoffs. Good Luck Girls!

Boys Football League, 70# ages 8-10
90# ages 10-12

Bernal 90# won their first game Tuesday, beating Garfield 28 to 14. Two touchdowns made by Michael Jackson and James Richards.

Bernal 70# won their first game, beating Sunnyside Thursday 48 to 6. Four touchdowns by John Hughes and two by Willie McDowell.

Senior Citizen News Auction October 23 11-2 p.m. Also Bernal Senior Citizens will have a Thanksgiving Luncheon November 20 at the Montclair Restaurant. Percy Dillon

*Give your child a joyous morning!
Give yourself a morning off!*

*Tiny Tots Pre-school
Tuesdays 10-12 a.m.
Bernal Gym FREE
children 3-5 years old*

New Classes at Mission YMCA

Sign up now at 4080 Mission Street. For more information call 586-6900. A sampling of classes offered: Physical Fitness for Women; Gymnastics, or Karate Classes, or Saturday Adventure Camp for boys and girls 6-12; Junior Jujitsu for ages 8-13; Sesame Street for pre-school.

CHILDREN....On November 20, Bernal Branch Library will have two children's film programs. At 2 p.m., the program for children ages three to eight: will feature "Harold's Fairy Tale", "Magic Michael", "Frederick", and "Petunia". The 4 p.m. movie menu for children ages eight to twelve includes "The Doughnuts", "People Soup", and "Stone Soup". All programs at the public library, including these, are free.

Preschool story hours for children ages three to five are continuing at the library every Thursday afternoon at 1:30. Parents and babysitters are invited to bring children for this early-age group experience which includes stories, poems, songs and fingerplays. Children enjoy the story hour; it also gives them contact with new children their age, experience being in an "audience" and contacts with books which make them more eager to learn to read. Parents enjoy the period of quiet book browsing that the story hour can give them as well.

All adults who live with children are encouraged to visit the library with them to see what materials and services we can offer, including (but not limited to) books to read aloud, easy reading books, story and musical records, magazines, PARENTS REFERENCE SHELF, story hours, film programs and a "fairly quiet" place to read or play chess or checkers.

Any questions? Call 285-1744 or stop in at 500 Cortland Avenue.

Ruth Maginnes

PRECITA CENTER

Morning
Headstart Preschool to open soon

Afternoon
Afterschool Program Mon-Fri.
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. (7-12 Yrs)
arts & crafts, sports,
cooking, field trips

Evening
Karate - Mon. & Wed. 7-9 p.m. (tuition)
Dance Workshop - Thurs. 7-8:30 (\$1 a class)
Photography - Tues. & Thurs. 7-9 (free)
Conga Drum Workshop - Tues 7-9 (free)
Videotape Workshop - T
Videotape Workshop - Tues. 7:30-9:30 (free)
Sports - weightlifting, ping pong, bosing,
basketball, games, chess, etc.
Films and video showings, Friday nights

for further information, please
contact Carol, Hector, David
or Susan at 285-7833

Precita Valley Community Center, 534 Precita Avenue, has opened the Fall Program to all neighborhood residents. In spite of our barricaded front door the Center is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are expecting to get our building rehabilitation funds from the Office of Community Development any day now so that repairs of the steps and front doors may begin. Please don't be discouraged! Our Program is growing and we hope that neighbors will come to join them or suggest ideas for new programs.

Mission Neighborhood Centers, our Main organization, has been selected as a delegate agency for the new city-wide Headstart program in the Mission District. We anticipate that Precita Center will be chosen as a site for a morning program which would be an exciting additional service we may offer to the parents in our community. Applications for teachers are being accepted by the Headstart/Mission director, Angel Contreras, at 362 Capp Street. For further information about the Center, please call 285-7833. Carole Wiley



Members of Precita

Cooking Class: from left to right, top row: David Gonzalez, Susan Cervantes, Petra de Jesus; middle row: Bobby Salgado, Hass Jahrmarkt, Albert Gomez, Sabrina, Rickey Van Horn, Alex Gothez, Arrian Weston, Nicqle Weston, Lydia Regan; bottom row: Milton, Stanley Sprinkles, Carlos Aguilar, Darrel Regan. Photo by Tony Perinello copyright October 1975

video

PRECITA VALLY COMMUNITY CENTER
534 Precita ave.
VIDEO TAPE PLAYBACK PROGRAM

- Fri. Nov. 7, 1975 7:30-9:30pm.
#1. Center de Cambio & R.A.P
STREET FESTIVAL RITMO 75
Harrison & 24th St. 1975.
#2. Precita Center Basketball Champs
#3. Close Down Y.G.C. (rushes)
#4. Fradellas Acid Rock Band

- Fri. Nov. 21, 1975 7:30-9:30pm.
#1. Centro de Cambio Drugs & Youth
Precita Center 1975.
#2. St. Peter's Illuminated Ball
Poets; Roberto Vargas, Victor
Hernandez Cruz, Alejandro Murguia
#3. Muhammad Ali-vs-Ron Lyes Fight.
#4. Carlos & Ward's Ride through the
Mission District San Francisco.

- Fri. Dec. 5, 1976 7:30-9:30pm.
#1. What is Mission Mental Health.
#2. Walk in on Dr. Triplet's Office.
#3. Get your hands off my camera.
#4. Walk in on Dr. Shupp's Office.
#5. Muhammad Ali-vs-Forman Fight.

- Fri. Dec. 19, 1976 7:30-9:30
#1. A Special Showing of the Cuban
Film Lucia an epic.

- Fri. Jan. 2, 1976 7:30-9:30pm.
#1. Santana & Mabuhay
#2. Ray Barratto @ Stanford U. 1975.
#3. Cesar's Band North Beach S.F.
This program will be hooked-up
to a P.A. system for max. sound.

- Fri. Jan. 16th, 1976 7:30-9:30pm.
#1. Horizons Dance Co.
#2. Alabama Street Festival 1974.
#3. Full-Contact Gung Fu @ Cow
Palace S.F. 1975.

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The gathering-assimbling-distributing people this month were: Jim Churchill, Sandy Gill, Tom Fewless, Pat Helton, Bill Billie Jones, Mimi Mueller, Carole Wiley. The reporters' names appear beneath the article. Pat Helton was the down-fall person this month.

This is your newspaper. If you have something you want to say, we invite you to say it. If possible we like the copy to be typed 3 1/4 inches wide, single space. BUT, if need be we will type it, or help you write it. Or maybe you would like to come to our next newspaper meeting.....

*You are invited to the
Next Meeting on
Wednesday, December 10
begin at 7:30 and end at 9:30 promptly
Please join us!*

→ PRECITA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER ←
534 Precita.....side entrance
Drop in. Every inclination is welcome.
Pat Helton...647-3665

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